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Re: Inventor(s): Martin R. Elliott, Michael Robert Rice, Robert B. Lowrance, Jeffrey C. Hudgens, Eric Andrew Englhardt and Loy Randall Stuart  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING SUBSTRATE CARRIER MOVEMENT TO ACTUATE SUBSTRATE CARRIER DOOR OPENING/CLOSING  
Serial No.: 10/650,312  
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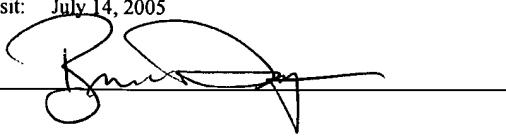
- PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement with four cited references.  
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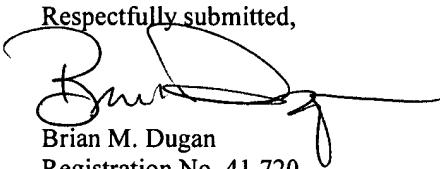
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Total Claims	N/A	- 20 =	-0-	X \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	N/A	- 3 =	-0-	X \$84.00	\$0.00
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,110,249, Arthur E. Norman

U.S. Patent No. 6,036,426, Gary Hillman

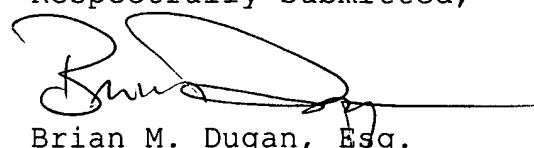
U.S. Patent No. 6,183,186, Peltola et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 277 536 A (EPO)

These references are also listed on the accompanying  
Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
patent application is respectfully requested.

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U.S. Patent Documents								
*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate	
	US-1	5,110,249	05/05/92	Arthur E. Norman				
	US-2	6,036,426	03/14/00	Gary Hillman				
	US-3	6,183,186	02/06/01	Peltola et al.				
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
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